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TAGS: OVIP, IT  
SUBJECT: DELEGATION TO PAPAL CORONATION--TALKING POINTS FOR  
POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH GOI OFFICIALS

1. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OUTLINE TALKING POINTS FOR USE  
BY THE LEADER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE PAPAL  
CORONATION IN POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH SENIOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS. ISSUES WHICH ITALIAN OFFICIALS MAY RAISE ARE  
ALSO INCLUDED. THE MATERIAL IS DIVIDED BY SUBJECT, SINCE  
WE ARE NOT AT THIS TIME CERTAIN WHICH GOVERNMENT LEADERS  
WILL BE IN ROME AT THE TIME OF THE CORONATION. WE ANTI-  
CIPATE THAT PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
FORLANI WILL BE HERE. SHOULD OTHER MINISTERS BE IN ROME  
AND SHOULD THE COMPOSITION OF THE US DELEGATION  
SUGGEST THE ADVISABILITY OF MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH  
MINISTERS OTHER THAN ANDREOTTI AND FORLANI, WE WILL  
SUBMIT ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS AND BRIEFING MATERIAL.

2. GENERAL POINTS WHICH THE US SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO MAKE:  
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--PRESIDENT CARTER SENDS YOU HIS PERSONAL GREETINGS.

--AS A CLOSE FRIEND AND ALLY, WE NOTED WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE  
FIRMNESS AND DETERMINATION WITH WHICH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MET  
THE CHALLENGE OF TERRORISM IN RECENT MONTHS.

--AND ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO ITS LEADERS AND TO THE TRADITIONS  
OF ITALY'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

--ITALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS CONTINUE TO BE A MODEL OF THEIR KIND,  
REFLECTING THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF OUR SHARED VALUES AND THE  
STRENGTH OF OUR TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLIANCE, AND KINSHIP.

--ITALY IS A KEY NATION WITHIN THE INTER CIRCLE OF OUR PRINCIPAL  
ALLIES AND WE CONTINUE TO LOOK TO ITALY FOR LEADERSHIP IN OUR  
JOINT ALLIANCE AND DEFENSE COMMITMENTS.

### 3. ITALY AND NATO:

--A. TALKING POINTS WHICH THE US SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO USE:

--WE APPRECIATE ITALY'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE  
IMPORTANT NATO PROGRAMS INITIATED THIS PAST YEAR. THE 3 PERCENT  
INCREASE IN DEFENSE SPENDING, THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AND  
THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM (AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM)  
WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE POLITICAL COHESION AND DEFENSE  
CAPABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE.

--WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THESE  
MEASURES WAS NOT AN EASY ONE.

--WE WELCOME THESE RENEWED AFFIRMATIONS OF ITALY'S COMMITMENT TO  
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THE ALLIANCE, AND THE JOINT DEFENSE EFFORT.

--B. POINTS WHICH MAY BE RAISED BY THE ITALIANS:

(1) DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AND THE TWO-WAY STREET: (BACKGROUND-  
FYI. WHILE ALLIES AGREE THAT STANDARDIZATION OF NATO DEFENSE  
EQUIPMENT WOULD BENEFIT THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE, THEY DISAGREE ON  
THE MODALITIES OF ACHIEVING IT. BESIDES QUESTIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY--  
DEFENSE POSTURE, DOCTRINE AND HENCE FORCE STRUCTURE DIFFER AMONG  
MEMBER STATES--THERE IS A WIDESPREAD SUSPICION AMONG EUROPEAN  
ALLIES THAT STANDARDIZATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WILL OCCUR AT  
THE EXPENSE OF EUROPEAN ARMS INDUSTRIES. ITALY SHARES THAT  
SUSPICION. THE "TWO-WAY STREET" IS A CONCEPT WHICH SEEKS TO  
REDRESS SOME OF THE CURRENT IMBALANCE IN MILITARY PROCUREMENT  
RATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. FOR ITALY THAT  
RATION IS 1(US) TO 35(ITALY). THROUGH THE TRANS-ATLANTIC  
DIALOGUE NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO  
IMPLEMENT THE "TWO-WAY STREET" BY FURTHERING ARMS COOPERATION  
AND COPRODUCTION AMONG THEMSELVES. ITALY IS NOT ONLY CHAIRMAN  
OF THE INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP (OF WHICH IT IS CHAIRMAN),  
BUT IS ALSO CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING A BILATERAL MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING ON DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH US. END FYI)

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(2) SHOULD THE ITALIANS RAISE THIS ISSUE YOU MIGHT SAY THAT:

--THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO INCREASE "TRAFFIC"  
ON THE "TWO-WAY STREET" BOTH TO PROMOTE STANDARDIZATION AND  
TO REDRESS THE CURRENT US-EUROPEAN IMBALANCE IN MILITARY  
PROCUREMENT. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAVE STRESSED

OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS IMPORTANT CONCEPT SEVERAL TIMES, MOST  
RECENTLY AT THE NATO SUMMIT.

--NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THE MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING ON DEFENSE COOPERATION ARE GOING FORWARD. I EXPECT  
THAT SECRETARY BROWN WILL DISCUSS IT, AND OTHER RELATED  
MEASURES, WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE RUFFINI DURING THEIR  
MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

4. ITALIAN POLITICS:

--A. TALKING POINTS (AND QUESTIONS) THE US SPOKESMAN MAY WISH  
TO RAISE:

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--WHAT DEVELOPMENTS DO YOU ANTICIPATE IN THE (ITALIAN) DOMESTIC POLITICAL AREA IN THE COMING MONTHS?

--IS THERE APT TO BE A POLITICAL CRISIS--AS A RESULT OF A POSSIBLE COMMUNIST DEMAND FOR ENTRY INTO THE GOVERNMENT OR A COMMUNIST WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY?

--HOW WILL THE APPARENT REVIVAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY UNDER CRAXI AFFECT THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE?

--WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE THE COMMUNIST PARTY? IS IT CHANGING? IS IT INTERNALLY SERIOUSLY DIVIDED? IS BERLINGUER IN FULL COMMAND?

--WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S VIEW OF AND POLICY TOWARD THE COMMUNIST PARTY? HOW LONG DO YOU FORESEE THE PRESENT GOVERNING ARRANGEMENTS (WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY) LASTING? WHAT DO YOU FORESEE HAPPENING NEXT (E.G. COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, OR BACK IN OPPOSITION, OR NEW ELECTIONS)?

--WITH REGARD TO THE COMMUNIST ISSUE, WE NOTE THAT SOME SECTORS OF THE ITALIAN PRESS CONTINUE TO DISTORT OUR POSITION OF SUCH ISSUES AS UEROCOMMUNISM. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OR WISH TO TELL ANY OF OUR FIRENDS OR ALLIES HOW TO MANAGE THEIR AFFAIRS. FOR OUR PART, WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE COMMUNISTS DO NOT SHARE OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES, AND INTERESTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO OUR COMMON DEFENSE AND ALLIANCE ARRANGEMENTS.

#### 5. ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES:

--A. QUESTIONS WHICH THE US SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO RAISE:

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--(1) ITALY'S ECONOMIC TRENDS AND POLICIES: (BACKGROUND: ANDREOTTI'S EFFORTS AT ECONOMIC STABILIZATION FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS OR SO HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL. THE DEFICIT ON THE CURRENT ACCOUNT OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THIS YEAR ITALY IS EXPECTED TO POST A SURPLUS OF CLOSE TO \$4.0 BILLION (A LARGE FIGURE FOR AN ECONOMY LIKE ITALY'S); AND THE RATE OF INFLATION HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM AN ANNUAL RATE OF OVER 20 PERCENT TO AROUND 13 PERCENT. THESE "SUCCESSSES," HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AT THE COST OF STAGNAT GROWTH (1.7 PERCENT LAST YEAR) AND RISING UNEMPLOYMENT (PRESENTLY AT AROUND 7.0 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE). THE MAJOR HURDLES TO THE RESUMPTION OF NON-INFLATIONARY GROWTH ARE THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEFICIT (WHICH CURRENTLY AMOUNTS TO 12 PERCENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT) AND EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN LABOR COSTS (IN 1977 PER UNIT

LABOR COSTS IN ITALY ROSE THREE TIMES FASTER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE OECD COUNTRIES). FOR SOME MONTHS NOW THE GOI HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT A THREE-YEAR ECONOMIC PROGRAM TO GET THE ECONOMY GOING AGAIN. THE LATEST DEADLINE IS THE END OF SEPTEMBER.)

--TALKING POINT: IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO HEAR FROM SENIOR ITALIAN OFFICIALS THEIR LATEST ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND OF THE CONOMIC POLICIES THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

-(2) MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN). EMBASSY BELIEVES US SIDE SHOULD ONCE AGAIN STRESS IN GENERAL WAY IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING MTN AS RAPIDLY AND THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING AUGUST VACATIONS AND POSSIBILITY GOI MIGHT DRAW CONCLUSION MTN HAS SLIPPED AMONG US PRIORITIES SHOULD WE FAIL TO MENTION IT. WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT IN BEST POSITION TO PROVIDE DELEGATION WITH TALKING POINTS ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT WE RECOMMEND THAT IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING BALANCED PACKAGE (I.E. SIGNIFICANT LIBERALIZATION IN AGRICULTURE) AND AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDY/COUNTERVAILING ISSUES BE EMPHASIZED. FOR MOST RECENT EMBASSY APPROACHES ON THESE MATTERS SEE ROME 12839 AND 13042.  
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--(3) IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN HIJACKING DECLARATION. IF ISSUE IS STILL TIMELY WHEN DELEGATION IS IN ROME, EMBASSY SUGGESTS SENIOR OFFICIALS REITERATE US VIEW THAT IT IS UNNECESSARY TO RESOLVE LEGAL QUESTIONS AND OTHER DETAILS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN DECLARATION ON AIRCRAFT HIJACKING AS PREREQUISITE TO FULL PARTICIPATION IN DEMARCHES (SEE STATE 203421). GOI VIEWS ON DECLARATION AND DEMARCHES REPORTED IN ROME 14825 AND 13826.

B. ISSUES WHICH ITALIAN OFFICIALS MAY RAISE.

--(1) US BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN ITALY. ONE OF ANDREOTTI'S RECURRING THEMES IS TO ENCOURAGE US INVESTMENT IN ITALY, ESPECIALLY IN THE LESS-DEVELOPED SOUTH, WHERE THE GOI SPONSORS GENEROUS INCENTIVES FOR NEW INVESTMENT. HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO QUERY US OFFICIALS IN THIS REGARD.

--SUGGESTED RESPONSE: US COMPANIES ARE, INDEED, THE LEADING SOURCE OF FOREIGN BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN THE SOUTH, AND AFTER SWITZERLAND, IN ALL OF ITALY. OUR INVESTMENT, AS ALL FOREIGN INVESTMENT, HAS LEVELED OFF IN RECENT YEARS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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UNCERTAINTY, HIGH LABOR COSTS AS WELL AS LABOR RIGIDITY, AND LOW PROFITABILITY. WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY INDICATIONS OF A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF LABOR, AND THIS WILL BE HELPFUL. NEVERTHELESS, AMERICAN COMPANIES MAKE THEIR INVESTMENT DECISIONS--WHETHER IN THE ADVANCED SOUTH OR THROUGH INCENTIVE PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH--BASED ON INVESTMENT SECURITY AND PROFITABILITY. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE GOI, AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS CAN BRING ABOUT A MORE FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE, AMERICAN INDUSTRY WILL RESPOND. MEANWHILE, THE USG IS SEEKING WAYS TO EXPAND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, NOT ONLY THROUGH INVESTMENTS, BUT THROUGH TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AND JOINT-VENTURES. JUST RECENTLY, COMPANIES SUCH AS BOEING, MCDONALD-DOUGLAS, AND FIRESTONE HAVE MADE MAJOR COMMITMENTS IN THE SOUTH OF ITALY.

--(2) STEEL TRADE ISSUES. US TREASURY IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER TO FIND ITALIAN STEEL COMPANIES, UNDER THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM, GUILTY OF DUMPING CERTAIN TYPES OF STEEL IN US MARKET. THE MAIN ITALIAN STEEL FIRM INVOLVED IS STATE-CONTROLLED ITALSIDER. ITALSIDER AND ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ALREADY HAVE PLEADED TO UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND UNDER SECRETARY OF TREASURY SOLOMON VARIOUS EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE SALE OF STEEL BELOW THE TRIGGER PRICE.

--IF ITALIAN OFFICIALS RAISE THIS ISSUE, SUGGEST US SPOKESMAN

NOTE THAT WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THEIR VIEWS AND CONCERNS AND ASSURE ITALIANS THAT POINTS MADE TO COOPER AND SOLOMON WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW CURRENTLY UNDER WAY IN TREASURY. (FYI: IF AN ADVERSE DECISION SHOULD COME BEFORE OR DURING DELEGATION VISIT TO ROME, US SPOKESMAN WILL NEED DETAILED TREASURY BRIEFING ON DECISION AND ITS RATIONALE. END FYI.)

--(3) CIVIL AVIATION.(FYI: AS OF THIS DATE, EMBASSY VIEWS  
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RAISING OF CIVAIR ISSUE AT HIGHEST LEVELS AS INAPPROPRIATE; HOWEVER, EVENTS MAY DEVELOP TO MAKE SUCH APPROACH DESIRABLE. SHOULD CONTRONTATION BETWEEN USG AND GOI OVER PAN AM ADHERENCE TO CAPACITY FREEZE ON BEYOND-ROME FLIGHTS GROW MORE SERIOUS, GOI MAY RAISE THIS ISSUE ALONG WITH GENERAL COMPLAINT THAT US CIVIL AIR POLICIES PRODUCE AN UNEQUAL SHARING OF BENEFITS FROM AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE US AND ITALY, AND BEYOND ITALY, TO THE DETRIMENT OF ITALY'S STATE-OWNED INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE. END FYI). SHOULD GOI RAISE THIS MATTER, EMBASSY SUGGESTS US SPOKESMAN RESPOND BY URGING THAT NO PRECIPITATE ACTION BE TAKEN AND THAT PROBLEM BE ADDRESSED IN BILATERAL AIR CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN ROME IN OCTOBER.

#### 6. ENERGY AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

--A. POINTS THE US SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO MAKE:

--(1) BILATERAL COOPERATION: ON MAY 31, PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI LEFT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AN AIDE MEMOIRE POINT OUT THE UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF BILATERAL ENERGY COOPERATION. U.S. SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING THIS DEMARCHE:

--THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE EXIM BANK, REMAINS PREPARED TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR PARTIAL FINANCING OF ITALY'S NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THE NEXT MOVE ON NUCLEAR FINANCING IS THEREFORE UP TO ITALY.

--ON NON-NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE IT CLEAR THROUGH THE VISIT OF DEPUTY ENERGY SECRETARY O'LEARY IN JUNE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE A MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE. IN ADDITION TO OUR ACTIVE GEOTHERMAL COOPERATION, WE ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING WITH ITALIAN EXPERTS JOINT PROJECTS IN SOLAR ENERGY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING COAL TECHNOLOGIES. WE SHALL CONSIDER IN THE FUTURE JOINT PROJECTS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION.

--THE UNITED STATES IS OBLIGED TO HOLD TO IS POSITION ON REFUSING TO EXPORT REPROCESSING AND SOME OTHER NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES UNTIL  
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THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION IS COMPLETE.

--(2) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.  
--THE UNITED STATES HAS INVITED ITALY TO REVIEW OUR BILATERAL SCIENTIFICA AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY JANUARY. WE, AND WE ASSUME THE ITALIANS, REGARD THIS MEETING AS A KEY STEP IN EVALUATING OUR 11-YEAR-OLD GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT SCIENCE AGREEMENT AND IN LAYING A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION.

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--B. QUESTION ITALIAN OFFICIALS MAY RAISE:

--WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S ENERGY PROGRAM?

7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS (GENERAL)

--A. SUBJECTS WHICH SENIOR ITALIAN OFFICIALS MAY RAISE WITH US SPOKESMAN:

--(1) MIDDLE EAST: US PREPARATIONS/ EXPECTATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 5 CAMP DAVID MEETING, OR IF IT HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING.



-(2) THE DOLLAR: IN VIEW OF RECENT SEVERE PRESSURES ON THE DOLLAR, WHAT IS THE US ASSESSMENT OF PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE AND US POLICY INTENTIONS IN THIS AREA?

--(3) EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND SALT: WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE US-USSR RELATIONSHIP AND A NEW SALT AGREEMENT?  
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--(4) HORN OF AFRICA: WHAT IS ITALIAN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND LIKELY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA?

--(5) CHINA: WHAT IS ITALIAN ASSESSMENT OF HUA KUO FENG'S EUROPEAN TRIP?

--(6) YUGOSLAVIA: HOW DOES ITALY SEE POST-TITO DEVELOPMENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA?

#### 8. BILATERAL LANGUAGE TEACHING PROJECT.

--A. POINTS WHICH THE US SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO MAKE:

--BACKGROUND: A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED IN MAY BY HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO AND ITALIAN EDUCATION MINISTER PEDINI PROVIDED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENT THE CARTER-ANDREOTTI JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY 1977 CALLING FOR RECIPROCAL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND AMERICAN STUDIES IN ITALY AND ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND STUDIES IN THE UNITED STATES. FIFTEEN AMERICAN TEACHERS OF ITALIAN, SPONSORED BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, CAME TO ITALY IN JUNE FOR A SIX-WEEK SUMMER SEMINAR IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. CONCURRENTLY, THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY EMBARKED ON A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ENGLISH TEACHING AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. FOR SIX WEEKS BEGINNING IN JULY, 35 ITALIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH (SELECTED BY THEIR MINISTRY) PARTICIPATED IN AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION IN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY. THE PROGRAM REPRESENTS A FIRST STEP TOWARD THE GOAL OF RETRAINING ALL OF ITALY'S 20,000 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. END BACKGROUND.

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--(2) TALKING POINTS:

--WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE AGENCIES CONCERNED IN OUR TWO

COUNTRIES WORKED TOGETHER RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO  
INITIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT THIS SUMMER.

--WE CONSIDER THESE PROGRAMS TO BE HIGHLY IMPORTANT. WHILE WE ARE  
GRATIFIED THAT A GOOD START HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO AN ACCELERATED RHYTHM OF PROGRESS AS THE PROGRAMS EVOLVE AND WE  
COUNT UPON CONTINUED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IN ORDER THAT THE  
EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE AGREEMENT MAY BE FULLY REALIZED. HOLMES

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